

Testimony General Law Hearing

I am Sheila Matthews, Cofounder of Ablechild.org a National non-profit parent organization with over 25,000 members. Our mission is full informed consent and the right to refuse psychiatric drugs and services. Ablechild is funded by parents, and does not take special interest money.

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- 26 studies on psychiatric drugs causing suicide/risk/attempts
- 6 studies of psychiatric drugs causing violence, hostility, or aggressom
- 4 studies on psychiatric drugs causing mania/psychosis

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Ablechild testified before the FDA to help obtain the "Black Box Warning" on SSRI drugs.

Oppose Proposed Bill 5347 as written:

Ablechild opposes this bill; it will do nothing to reduce overdoses

Ablechild recommends stronger informed consent laws for the end users prior to the drug being given to the customer.

Oppose Proposed Bill 5484 as written

Ablechild.org strong recommends that you require end users, drug users to sign insurance waivers in writing to informed them that their insurance policies will be vioded if they commit suicide while on thse psychiatric drugs.

Oppose Proposed bill 5906

Ablechild strongly recommends stronger informed consent laws relating to the addictive nature of the psychiatric drugs. We sit the Berkley Study, which clearly indicates that Ritalin is a gateway drug to addiciton. Parents and consumers have the right to this information prior to starting their child or themselves on psychiatric drugs.

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A) Drug Agency Regulatory Warnings on Psychiatric Drugs Causing Violence and Suicide Side

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B) Drug Studies on Psychiatric Drugs Causing Violence and Suicide

Side Effects – There have been 33 studies in eight countries on
antidepressant induced violence, homicidal ideation, aggression,
mania/psychosis, hallucinations and suicide risks. **See Tab B**

C) Adverse Reaction Reports filed with the US FDA on Psychiatric Drugs Causing Violence and Suicide Side Effects

– There have been
29,936 adverse reactions reported to the US FDA in connection with
psychiatric drugs and violence, hostility, aggression, physical assault and
suicide. **See Tab C**

Tab A) Psychiatric Drug Violence and Suicide Side Effects Reported to the FDA:

There have been 58 drug regulatory agency warnings from ten countries (United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Germany, Ireland, United Kingdom, France and Russia), and the European Union, showing how psychiatric drugs have been tied to violence and suicide, which include:

- 47 warnings on psychiatric drugs causing suicide/risk/attempts
- 12 warnings on psychiatric drugs causing mania/psychosis
- 11 warnings on psychiatric drugs causing violence, hostility, or aggression
- 6 warnings on psychiatric drugs causing self-harm
- 4 warnings on psychiatric drugs causing abnormal behavior
- 4 warnings on psychiatric drugs causing hallucinations
- 1 warning on psychiatric drugs causing homicidal ideation

Tab B) Drug Studies on Psychiatric Drugs Causing Violence and Suicide Side Effects:

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Tab C) Psychiatric Drug Violence and Suicide Side Effects Reported to the FDA:

There have been 29,936 violence adverse reactions that have been reported to the US FDA's Adverse Event Reporting System (MedWatch), between 2004 and 2011, this breaks down to:

- 9,310 cases of psychiatric drugs causing completed suicides
- 7,871 cases of psychiatric drugs causing suicide attempts
- 2,795 cases of psychiatric drugs causing mania
- 7,250 cases of psychiatric drugs causing aggression
- 872 cases of psychiatric drugs causing homicidal ideation
- 607 cases of psychiatric drugs causing hostility
- 504 cases of psychiatric drugs causing physical assault
- 359 cases of psychiatric drugs causing homicide
- 191 cases of psychiatric drugs causing psychosis
- 177 cases of psychiatric drugs causing violence-related symptoms